NEW PUBLICATIONS,

PROFESSOR SWING'S SERMONS. BERMONS. By DAVID SWING. 16mo., pp. 307. Chicago : Jansen, McClurg & Co.

A part at least of the secret of Professor Swing's popularity is disclosed in this singularly readable volume of sermons. He has an instinctive perception of the current of contemporary thought; he chooses the topics which are upon most men's minds, or which relate to their immediate intellectual wants, and he treats them with perfect freedom, frankness and sincerity. He is positive and individual. His thought is clear; his language is straightforward and unaffected; and his easy style is never degraded to empty rhetorical devices. He is moreover brief and terse, none of the twenty sermons embraced in this volume being encumbered by the verbosity which so often haunts the pulpit. In these days of religious indifference it is one of the first qualifications of a preacher that he shall be interesting, and no one can say that Professor

Swing is dull. His boldness in dealing with some of the problems of the age is well illustrated in the discourse en titled "A Temporary Creed." The point of this sermon is that asemigrants to a new world must live in tents or hastily built cabius until they have time and means to construct a permanent home, so the doubting Christians of our day, especially the young who are trying to live without any form of religious belief, ought to find for themselves, as an immediate shelter from enemy and storm, "a temporary but positive creed, and, reposing in it, wait for labor, and merit, and time, to build for the soul a more solid philosophy of things here and hereafter." Regarding the dogma of inspiration, for example, young persons "can make a booth of boughs and logs, and grasses and leaves, which will be quite a home for seasons, many or few," if they will assume that all religion is one, that the Old and New Testament are a history of the best stream of religion which has ever flowed through the world, and that the evolution of doctrine, beginning far back, culminated in the teachings of Jesus; then it will be easy to throw away what does not harmonize with the Nazarene standard; and of course there will be room for indefinite future development. A good example of Professor Swing's treatment of another modern problem is his sermon on "The Objections to Evolution," which states with great force, and at the same time with commendable moderation, the arguments against the theory of the development of man from the lower animals, and the reasons for restricting the Darwinian doctrine to the variation of species.

In spite of the approaching Christmastide new contributions to musical literature and the literature of music are not burdening the book-sheives. The presses of the music publishers are occupied chiefly with the planoferte and ballad trifles which are properly left unconsidered. The most significant production for a long time in spite of its shortcomings is the work of Dr. Ritter on English music beyond the ocean and in this country. Dr. Ritter's fate with these two volumes will probably be that of most pioneers in historical research. He will help build the foundation for the structure upon which help build the foliable for the structure upon which another will rise to fame. He will stimulate inquiry and probably fire some enthusiastic mind with the desire to glean the field again for another sheaf. There is grain enough left standing to reward the labor. In his hast chapter on popular music Dr. Rutter does hardly more than to suggest a theme that is worthy of exhaustive treatment from several sides—the slave music of the treatment from several sides-the slave music of the South. The war of the rebellion aroused a deep interest in this subject, and Colonel Higginson, C. P. Ware, Lucy McKim Garrison, William Francis Allen and others did an excellent work in gathering material for preservation. This material is still waiting for scientific analysis though it is well worthy of it. There can hardly be a doubt that It contains elements of African music, and that these ele-ments have had some influence in forming the taste of a large part of the population of the country. Perhaps the

approaching "festival" of negro minstrelsy in Cincinnatis not entirely without justification.

SOME MUSICAL PUBLICATIONS.

A new "Practical Instructor for the Pianoforte" has been published by J. N. Pattison. It has for its author F. W. Zeiner, iwho professes to have been a teacher of music for twenty-five years and to have used the method successfully which he has laid down in his publication. The book has unhe has faid down in his publication. The book has the usual features and differs from most publications of its kind by laying a great deal of stress upon gynnastic ex-ercises for the development of the wrist, hand and fingers. There can be no question that such exercises as most of those which he prescribes can be performed with advantage to the planeforte or violin student. The danger lies in excess and in the resort to mechanical ap-pliances which may strain the muscles and lame the fingers instead of giving them strength and elasticity. The sad fate of the too-ambitious Sch warning to musical students who are too impati gain the necessary digital deftness and power from pr tice at the instrument. Moreover, none of the exercises set out in this book or any other can replace such practice. This ought never to be forgotten. "One cannot learn to speak from the dumb," said Schumann in cendemning toneless keyboards invented for practice.

It is necessary that the muscles of the arm, hand and fingers be developed for planoforte playing, but that development will have the highest value if it has kept pace with the growth of sound musical feeling. Mr. Zeiner's book is for beginners, and is characterized by a

commendable seriousness of purpose.

S. Lasar has compiled a collection of partsongs and choruses for female voices, and the book has been published by William A. Pend & Co., under the title "Polymnia." The book com-prises thirty-five pieces of music and evinces admirable taste and sound judgment in the compiler. It is all mod-ern music, Schubert being the earliest composer repre-sented. The other musicians whose works have been placed under tribute are Mendelssohn, Reinsche, Hiller Raff, Rubinstein, Mackenzie, Samson, Abt, Smart, Hattor and Caryl Florio. The latter, a conscientious young nusician of this city, is represented by two pieces.— Charles Wels, also of this city, has issued his 111th work -a mass in E-flat major, which is dedicated to the president of Manhattan College, and published by Oliver Dis-son & Co., of Boston. If it is a specimen of the manner in which Mr. Weis always writes we see no reason why be should not write 111 more works before next Christ-mas.

EIR HENRY BISHOP'S FAUST MUSIC.

To the Editor of The Tribune. SIR: Having read an article upon the performance of Bolto's "Mefistofele," at the Metropolitan Opera House, in the issue of THE TRIBUNE of the 5th inst., and noted the remarks concerning the various operas founded upon Goethe's "Faust," I have this to say about the "Faustus" mentioned as produced in London in 1825 and composed by Sir Henry R. Bishop, of the existence of which opera there seems to be some doubt. I have be-fore me, at present writing, the vocal and plano score of the "Faustus" in question, the title-page of which runs

Faustus,
A Musical Romance,
As performed at the
Theatre Royal Drury Lane.
Composed by
T. Cook, Charles E. Horn T. Cook, Charles E. Horn
and
Henry R. Bishop,
Composer to the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
London. Printed by Goulding and D'Almaine
20 Soho Square.

The overture is credited to C. M. von Weber, and is quite an ambitious piece of work in that line. Whether it was an original (to the opera) or detached composition, or taken from one of his previous operas, I cannot say. It is a fine work, however—dramatic and effective. The first vocal number is a glee by H.R. Bishop, entitled "Home! Home I there's a storm in the whistling blast." This glee is quite long, melodious and pleasing. It is sung by succeeding parties of "huntsmen, fishermen and peasants," who finally unite in the harmony. Then follow these numbers: (2.) Quartette: "Go, Seek some virgin heart," composed by Bisbop; sung by Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Miss I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Was I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, Was I. Paton, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Browne. (Miss Stephens, G.) Carnival and Ballet. (Name of composer not stated.) (4.) Song, "The hour is come that we must part," by Bishop; sung by Miss Stephens. (5.) Song: "The apoor German scholar," composed by Charles E. Horn, sang by Mr. Harley, a celebrated comedian and vocalist of the period. (6.) Trio: "Now, prithee, your laughing give o'er," by C. E. Horn. (7.) Song: "Luey dear—Lucy dear." by Horn. (8.) Song: "Come, love, to me," by Bishop (with plano accompaniment as played by him at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane): sung by Miss Stephens. (9.) Finale: "A plague on this darkness" (No name given, but evidently by Bishop—a weird, dramatic composition, wherein flends and supernatural effects abound). This piece is marked as the finale of the second act. Whether the muste in the book comprises the entire opera—cannot at present determine—a doubt which might be dispelled could I find the printed libretto, as I possibly might in some reprint of the old English dramms, operas, etc., etc. I give the pieces in their order in the book. The unusie of "Faustus" includes eighty-six pages, full size. (10.) Quartette; "A Bachelor he may abow his cares," by T. Cook. A serio-comic effusion; fair in its way. (11.) Duct: "Hearken, damed, in the price in the book. A serio-comic ef Home! there's a storm in the whistling blast." This give is quite long, melodious and pleasing. It is sung by sucNew Publications.

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satisfactory. Mercanthic circles outside of dealers in holiday wares are quiet and prices under accumulation of large stocks are continually drooping. The failure of last week numbered 250 in the United States, against 263 for the preceding week, and 35 in Canada, against 44, making a total for last week of 325, against 307 for the preceding week.

The cotton speculation had to contend against large receipts at our port, small exports and heavy Liverpool markets; and prices for futures declined from 15 to 18 points, while the price for spot is 4s lower than a week ago, The receipts at the ports were 281,162 bales, against 262,015 bales for the same week in 1882, which makes the total since September 1, 2,966,931 bales this year, against 2,951,369 bales last year. The exports of the week were 109,722 bales, against 292,583 bales for last year, and the totals since September 1 are 1,519,898 bales for this year, against 1,744,401 bales last year.

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surplus reserve, measured by the rule of 25 per cent to deposits, now is \$5,256,575, against \$6,079,925; and the proportion of the total reserves to the deposit liabilities now (26,65 per cent) is \$0,56 per cent bess than at date 1882. The foreign exchanges were unusually dull, and early in the week the nominal rates were reduced, but at the appearance of a small demand they again were advanced. The closing business was on the beasis of \$4 \$13 and \$4 \$4 \$1 respectively for long and short stering.

The following were Saturday's quotations for unlisted securities:

The special events of last week that influenced the Stock Exchange markets were the further developments relating to the overbuilding of railroads and the consequent active competition to gam business. It is a favorite theory of the street that all railway wars are got up for speculative purposes, and it generally acted upon that theory all last week. In fact the stocks which show the greatest declines for the week are those about which there was no new information to affect them in either direction. Northern Pacific common declined 33, the preferred stock 97 stores and Transcontinental 107 s and Oregon Railroad and Navigation \$2 per cent; and Missouri Pacific and Louisville and Nashville, whose systems are removed from the seat of the bottest contest, declined \$44 and \$4 per cent respectively; Union Pacific declined 74, it is true, but that was more because its not earnings for the months of August, September and October as officially reported showed a decrease of \$1,208,779 from the net earnings of the same month of 1882, than because of its connection with the threatened war between the members of the sold lowa peof. The declines in the old gramers ranges only from \$4\$ for Rock Island to 23 for Northwesterns, except Missouri Pacific, are off nearly 138 to 29 per cent; and the coal stocks were exceptionally strong with Reading showing a gam of 23 per cent. The transactions for the week amounted to 2,553,973 shares against 1,878,827 shares, and the we

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CLOSING PRICES OF BOSTON STOCKS. Boston, Dec. 15, 1883. Yesterday, To-day,
Water power. 2 2 1 1/2

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—12:30 p. m.—United States 4 per cent bonds, 126 b, ex-coupon; Atlantic and Great Western first mortsage transees' certificates, 54 b; Eric, 30 b; New-York Central, 118; Pennsylvania, 60 b; iteading, 29 b; Canadian Pacific, 58 b; St. Paul Common, 98 b; 2 p. m.—Bar silver is quoted at 50 13-16d, per ounce. Eric, 30 b; New-York Central, 118 b; Reading, 29 b; Mexican Ordinary, 66 b; Canadian Pacific, 58 b; St. Paul Common, 98 b; Paris advices quote three per cent rentes at 75 francs, 82 b; centimes for the account. EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

MINES AND MINING.

SUNDAY, Dec. 16-3 P. M. The mining stock markets were a little more active than in the preceding week, but there were few features of interest. Iron Silver ruled strong, but prices generally were only steady if not weak. Northern Belle further declined to 20 cents.

The Father de Smet Consolidated Gold Mining Company has declared dividend No. 30 of 20 cents per share, payable at the office of Laidiaw & Co., No. 14 Wall-st., New York, December 31. Transfer books will close December 22.

SALES AT THE NEW-YORK MINING EXCHANGE.

Name.		High est.		Final	SOLD.
Amie	.09	.10	.10	.10	3,700
Barcelons		.21	.20	.20	1,800
Bodie Con		.65	.65	.665	300
Central Arizona		.20	20	,20	100
Chrysolite		10	1.30	1.30	300
Colorado Central		.119	.38	.38	650
Con. Virginia		30	.30	.80	300
Dankin		.28	.28	.23	500
Egalern Oregon		10	.08	.08	1,300
Father de Smet		3.00	3.00	3.00	170
reen Mountain	1 22 1000	1.20	1.20	1.20	200
		1.15	1.15	1.15	900
Harlem Horn Silver		6.25	6.13	6.13	1,120
ron silver		2.30	2.25	2.25	800
eadville Con		.50	.40	40	350
	0.00	.58	57	.57	300
Little Chief	11100	80	117	80	700
North Mexican	777.44	.33	918	23	100
Robinson Coa		17.4	23	0.4	7,500
lonora Con		5.75	5.75	5.75	100
Standard Con		18	.17	18	7.000

CLOSING PRICES OF CALIFORNIA STOCKS.

Vesterday, To-day, Wexternay, 2,200

1.37¹/₂ 1.25 Mount Diable 2.25

3cher. 2.75 2.50 Navajo 3.37¹/₂ 3.50

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2.75 2.00 Ophir 10.00 11.50

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2.25 2.00 Sarvage 80

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Sept. Nevada, 3.25 2.87¹/₂

Sept. Nevada, 3.25 2.87¹/₂ SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15, 1883. Alpha Con 900 Mexican 2.12½ 2.000 Alta 1.37½ 1.25 Mount Diable. 2.25 Mount Diable. 2.25 Mount Diable. 2.25 Bodie Con 75 75 Northern Belle. 20 20 California 2.25 2.00 Potosi 90 90 90 Con Virginia 3.5 30 Savaze 80 Eureka Con 3.25 5.00, Serra Nevada. 3.25 2.87% Gonid & Curry 2.25 1.50 Union Con 3.00 2.50 Grand Prize 2.5 Utah 1.50 1.50 Hale& Norcross 1.12½ 1.09 Yellow Jacket 2.00 1.75

CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD

The annual report of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company as made to the State Surveyor for the year ended September 30, 1883, makes a showing of business and results that compare favorably with the year's business of 1882, but it compares unfavorably with all preceding years. The gress earnings were the largest in the years. The gress earnings were the largest in the history of the company—\$3,142,040 more than in 1882 and the balance, after paying interest and rentals was \$1,683,251; the gross earnings were \$1,422,325 more than in 1881, but the balance for dividends was \$565,672; the gross earnings were \$694,805 greater than in 1880, but the balance for dividends was \$3,242,110 smaller. The operating expenses and taxes for 1883 were \$3,212,241 greater than in 1880, and the charges for interest on debt and rentals for leased lines were \$584,678 greater. The first charges against net earnings, for interest and rentals, now amounts to \$5,369,836, against \$3,548,733 for the year 1874, when the gross earnings were \$31,650,386, or only \$2,120,335 smaller than for last year. The results of the year's business are shown below in comparison with those of the two preceding years.

BUSINESS OF THREE YEARS.

TEARS EXDED SEPT. 30. 1881. 1882. 1883.

TEARS EXDED SEPT. 30. 1881. Gross carnings 1882. Totals \$32,348,396 \$30,628,781 \$33,770,721 Deduct operating ex. 19,979,464 19,697,218 21,073,730 Total first charges. \$4,770,105 \$5,187,629 \$5,369,836

Surplus \$754,483 Deficit Expenses per cent. 60.17 The total number of passengers carried last year was 10,716,925, against 10,308,373 in 1882, and the total tons of freight carried was 10,802,440, against 11,330,393 in 1882. The following table explains itself:

Average number tons freight nauled per frain
Average number miles one ton freight 228 211 202
Average number passengers hauled per 72 79 74 Profit..... Proft...... 64 -65 68 31 engers...... 135 143

The following are the company's balance-sheets of two years: Sept. 30— 1882. 1883. Changes. Cost of road and equipment....\$112,750,935 \$114,731,017 inc.,\$1,974,982 Common 1 d atton Certificative rep. 1882. 1883. Changes. 31,157,904 31,157,904 company.
Hudson River
bridges
Dunkirk, A. V. &
P R. R.
Geneva & Lyons 1,845,775 1,914,956 inc., 69,181 2,920,621 2,920,621 Geneva & Lyons
R. R.

Real Estate.

Advance on Harlem Construction Acc't.
Company's own
Stock field.

Stock TroyUnion
R. R.

Stock Buffalo
Cross-townR. R. 15,000 15,000 12,684 12,684 1,801,375 inc. 483,900 224 5 Stock Pitt. & Lake Eric R. R. Stock N. Y. Cent. & H. River R. R. 100,000 110,000 inc. 10,000

Stock and bonds
Syracuse. Geneva & C. R. R.
Stock WestinghouseAir Brake 184,010 dec. 188,090 Morris Run Coal
& M. Co...
Bends Lamottle
Valley Exten-18,750 18,750 1,824,569 dec. 376,374 dec. 1,098,419 inc. 298,746 716,731 404,394 33,268 690,413 inc. 186,297 dec. 404,394 32,803 dec. united States.... Equip't Har Line Sundry open ac's Totals......\$158,476,759 \$160,241,975 inc. \$1,745,216 LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock. \$89,423,300 \$89,428,300 Punded Debt. 48,478,033 49,997,233 inc. \$1,524,200 Unfunded Debt. 5,254,369 4,689,242 dec. 565,127 Income and Earninge. 15,341,055 16,127,199 inc. 886,144 Totals \$158,496,759 \$160,241,975 inc. \$1,745,216 Totals.......\$158,496,759 \$160,241,975 ine. \$1,745,216

The above shows a nominal reduction in the company's unfunded debt of \$565,127, but the cash and cash assets to meet the floating debt are also \$583,238 smaller than a year ago, so that the floating debt actually is increased \$18,111. The following items taken from the foregoing balance sheet show the comparative financial condition of the company at the date named:

FLOATING DEBT BALANCES.
1882. 1883. Changes. Sept. 30— 1882. Unfunded debt as per \$5,254,369 \$4,689,242 dec. \$565,127 balance sheets.
Less cash assets consisting of cash on
land and uncollected
balance from stations, other railreads,
and the United States
Government and
open accounts.

2,967,544 2,384,306 dec. 583,239 Net floating debts \$2,286,825 \$2,304,936 Inc. \$18,111, A d d — for dividends paid Oct. 15, for quarters ended Sept. 30, but not melufed

in company's statement of Habilities... 1,785,378 1,785,378 Cash liabilities of Sept 30, unprovided for. \$4,072,203 \$4,090,314 inc. \$15,111

THE CHICAGO MARKETS STRONG.

HIGHER PRICES FOR WHEAT, PORK AND LARD-CORN SLIGHTLY LOWER,

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- Everything except corn is higher to-night. This latter is a small fraction lower, mainly because the receipts were larger; 342 cars. Wheat on the "curb" is 12 cent above the figures 24 hours ago with the feeling very strong; "puts" selling within 12 cent while "calls" are 1 cent away from the market. Hobbs white cause a big buyer and so was Baker. The provision crowd continues to talk "bearish" on all serts of grain. Singer remarked as he came out of the pit: "I have sold 40,000 barrels of pork to-day and not a barrel of it short stuff." The receipts of wheat were ample, 294 cars, but the temper was nevertheless "bullish." The receipts ap-pear to be the only "bearish" circumstances, but these have certainly been enormous. Since the beginning of the month 4,145 cars of wheat have been received here against 1,368 last year; the largest receipts for the same period since 1880. Although the feeling to-night is firm, and although there is a general conviction that this grain is the thing to buy and to stay by, the conservative feel is the thing to buy and to stay by, the conservative reel that Monday's and Tuesday's receipts will be large and that perhaps the property can be bought cheaper Tuesday than to-night. Then it is pretty certain that there will be a raid on tae price of hogs next week by the packers, and perhaps this may reflect weakness upon the wheat pit. The packers have formed a pool somewhat like the one already in existence at New-York for a division of the hogs. Whenever they feel inclined to depress the market it is provided that the house which kills none

sion of the bors. Whenever they reel inclined to deplete the market it is provided that the house which kills none shall draw 25 cents for every hog under its quota which it does not slaughter. Those who kill above their quota pay 25 cents per hog into the pool. This may break the provision market; at any rate it will make it harder for Lester and the others who are planning a whirl up of the February option in pork and lard.

Provisions were strong and aigher to-day; pork advancing 20 cents per barrel, and lard and ribs 12½ cents per hundred. It is said that Armour soid 100,000 barrels of long pork at the beginning of the week and cleared \$200,000. It is also claimed that the pork which is being made now is packed at a loss of 85 cents per hog owing to the high price of the live animal. Corn is weak. It is felt that the recent advance was so extraordinary that there is likely to follow a decline whether the backers of the grain remain under it or not, but the theory is that whatever manipulation goes on for the present will be to cause a decline for the purpose of shaking out the country "tailers." It is expected, that, barring accidents, war or bad weather, or other extriordinary "bullish" influence, the May option will get innder 60 cents certainly. On the other hand, when the ultimate result of the crop is discussed, there is a good deal of unanimity in declaring that corn will simily sell at 70 cents. The prospect to-night for Monday is a higher price for wheat and provisions; and little change for corn.

THE PETROLEUM MARKETS.

A gain, and one that is significant, was made last week by the deliveries upon the receipts or runs of oil by the pipe lines. Last Monday we published the fig-ures down to Dec. 7, showing an excess of runs over the deliveries of 74,478 barrels, or a daily average of 10,654 Net Earnings \$12,668,032 \$10,931,533 \$12,696,991 barrels. Brought down to Dec. 14, the excess has been only 103,344 barrels, or an average of only 3,408 barrels Deduct first charges
For interest. 2,849,591 3,250,101 3,432,308 only 103,344 barrels, or an average of only 3,408 barrels
a day. As was remarked last Monday there is ample take the runs for this mouth, and they will do so if the rate of excess of deliveries shown on Friday is kept up. As it is, the average daily runs to Dec. 14 are 58,779 barels, against an average in Nov. of 65,308 barrels and in Dec., 1882, of 72,419 barrels, and of 87,058 barrels for all of last year. The yearly average brought down to Nov. 30, this year, has been only 67,050 barrels a day. On the other hand the deliveries from Dec. 1 to 14 have averaged 55,371 barrels a day, against an average of only 36,434 barrels a day in Dec., 1882. The daily average for the eleven months of 1883 is 60,467 barrels, against an average last year of 50,563 barrels for the whole year. The pipe line figures to date are as follows:

| Total barrels | Av. per day. | Runs to December 14 | 878,336 | 58,779 | Deliveries to December 14 | 775,192 | 56,371 There was little news to feed the speculation in pipe line certificates last week, and what there was was "bearish." Vigorous torpedo work raised the total pro-"bearish." Vigorous torpedo work raised the total production of the Cooper and Balltown tracts to but 7,000 barrels a day, and Grandin No. 15 will come in with an output of about 300 barrels a day. The market was freely sold down from \$1 10\subseteq \frac{1}{2}\subseteq \frac{1}{2}

STATE OF TRADE.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Flour duli and easier to sell. Wheat
—Southern duli and about steady; Western higher, closing
quiet; Southern Red. \$1 102\$1 15; do. Amber, \$1 129
\$1 15; No. 1 Maryland, \$1 1142\$1 12; No. 2 Western Winter Red spot. \$1 0742\$83 1074; December, \$1074;
\$5108; January, \$1 0042\$83 1074; December, \$1074;
\$5108; January, \$1 0042\$83 1074; December, \$1074;
\$1112\$8 March \$1 1440\$81 1134; May, \$1 1842\$81 184. Cern
—Southern lower and dull; Western mactive and nominally
lower; Southern White, \$4256. Q. Yellow, \$553584;
Western Mixed spot, \$602526; December, \$606, asked; January, \$604261 \$45. February, \$14265426; May, \$66, bd;
\$Venuer, \$64256. Outs dull; Southern \$83456; Western
White, \$60426. Receipter \$1006. Receipter \$1007.
\$4.375 bbls; Wheat, \$32,000 bush.; Corn, 7,000 bush.; Osla,
100 bush.; Rys. 100 bush.
Cincinnation and Light, \$4.10 DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Cincinnati, Ryo, 100 bush.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Hogs firm; Common and Light, \$4.10
253-40; Packers and Butchers, \$5.40 as 50. Receipts—
5,000. Shipmengs—1,200.

BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—Flour firm. Wheat firmer; No. 1 Hard.
Dulnih, at \$1.14 cash; No. 2 do., seller first half June, \$1.18.
Corn steady, with a good demand; No. 2 Toledo at doc; we care choice No. 2 Western in store at die; one car new sample No. 1 on track at 59 bc. Oats steady; Railroad receipts—
Flour, 2,500 buls.; Wheat, 28,500 bush; Corn, 36,000 bush; Barley, 5,000 bush; Rye, 55,000 bush; Shipments by rail—Flour, 1,700 bulsh; Wheat, 61,000 bush; Corn, 36,000 bush; Oats, 8,000 bush; Dats, 8,000 bush; Dats, 8,000 bush; Rye, 5,000 bush.

PHILA 9,000 bush; Dats, 3,000 bush; Barley, 5,000 bush; Rye, 5,000 bush.

Corn., 36,000 bush.; Oats, 8,000 bush.; Barley, 5,000 bush.; 1376
5,500 bush.

PHILADRIPHIA. Dec. 15.—Plour—Buyers paying old rates for small lots, but lines were hard to move except at concessions. Wheat quite and closed steady; little or no demand for export; No. 1 Pennsylvania Red, \$1 134; No. 1 Red in export elevator, \$1 12; \$1 95 bid for No. 3 Red; No. 2 Red \$1,000.

Strong opened about \$\sigma_0\$ lower, and closed weak after a fair speculative trade; no metral improvement in the export situation, orders generally innited below current asking rates situation, orders generally innited below current asking rates for the projected, 60 \$\sigma_0\$ constant \$1.00 \$\sigma_0\$ (0.00 \$\sigma_0\$) \$\sigma_0\$ (

bush.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat its regular; prices generally unchanged, but some sales rather higher No. 2 Red Fall, \$1.092.981 02, cash, \$1.024, January; \$1.053, February; \$1.07 bid March; \$1.11, May. Corn uh, settled and lower at 452, 2645.c., cash and Docember; 474, 3 canuary; 49c. February; 53 bc., May. Ryo quiet 474, January; 49c. February; 53 bc., May. Ryo quiet 452.26. Bartoy dull at 50 28 soc. Receptize—Flour, 5,000 blash. Wheat, 44,000 bush.; Corn, 78,000 bush.; Oats, 20,000 hash. Rye, 5,000 bush.; Bartoy, 14,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 5,000 blash. Wheat, 18,000 bush.; Corn, 14,000 bush. Corn, 14,000 bush. Corn, 18,000 bush.; Wheat, 18,000 bush.; Corn, 14,000 bush.